COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF MONESSEN

CITY OF MONESSEN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

May 11, 2023

6:30PM

Meeting call to order by Ron Mozer at 6:30 pm.

1. ROLL CALL OF ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. Roll call by Michael Korposh – Anthony Orzechowski present – Lois Thomas present – John Nestor present – Donald Gregor present – Ron Mozer present

2. OPENING PRAYER OFFERED BY BISHOP WILLIAM C. BASS, OF THE GATE OF HEAVEN CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST OF MONESSEN, PENNSYLVANIA. Opening pray offered by Lois Thomas

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. Pledge of allegiance led by Ron Mozer

Ron Mozer – Executive meeting on personnel issues was held on April 28th in the mayor's office.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS SESSION OF APRIL 27, 2023. Motion to approve minutes from the previous session by John Nestor – seconded by Lois Thomas – vote 5 - 0

5. OPEN FLOOR FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY. Ernie Telegraphis – concerning the CFO – Tony all these invoices we are paying – how much do we still owe the general fund (Anthony Orzechowski – we don't owe the general fund anything – what are you talking about) you took money out to pay bills – so how much do we need to pay back (Anthony Orzechowski – pay nothing back – the general fund is where we pay all the bills) you can take money out of the general account and pay all these bills – how much money is in

the general fund (Anthony Orzechowski – I will explain whenever I do my report) alright I'll be listening (Anthony Orzechowski – I'll be talking)

Pino Cianflone – still have questions on minutes – you are not trying to put in what is said - I disagree how you guys do minutes – you have fake people that work in the office and fake newspaper - that are not trying to put in what is said – it will come out in the open – just telling you I don't agree and that is not what was said

6. CORRESPONDENCE

OLD BUSINESS N/A

7. **REPORT OF THE SOLICITOR OF THE CITY OF MONESSEN.**

Joseph Dalfonso – on the agenda you will see a Resolution for 1st Amendment for Mon Valley Sewage Authority for the EQ Tank on Parenti – purpose to change land ownership – original agreement was for a lease from the city to the Authority – the Authority needs to own the property because they are maintaining the EQ Tank – another Resolution regarding Municipal Records and the records manual – city has some very old documents which they no longer have to keep – they are adopting the state records manual – I worked with WEC reviewing the bids for Phase 3A and 3B for the USDA sewage project

8. **REPORT OF THE CITY TREASURER OF THE CITY OF MONESSEN.**

Gerald Saksun – Month of April - garbage fee current – April $6,530 – year-to-date $327,450 –budget amount $325,587 – delinquent – April $3,523.66 – year-to-date $32,752.90 –budget amount $80,780 – amount collected by Portnoff – April $1,458.66 – year-to-date $8,583.52 – penalty and interest Portnoff (included in the totals above) April 93.81 – year-to-date $2,257.46 –budget amount$2,145

– garbage collected for new year 2024 – year-to-date $755 –budget amount $1,385 – total April $11,606.13 – year-to-date $371,798.88 – budget amount 2023 $409,897 – city real estate taxes current – April $737,632.41 – year-to-date $1,074,424.52 –budget amount $1,400,947.79 general fund - debt service $380,191.09 - library $40,677.22 - park $191,907.90 – total $2,013,724 – city taxes prior year – nothing in April - year-to-date $8,673.30 –budget amount $5,503 – subtotal collected by city year-to-date $1,082,097.82 – delinquent city tax collected by Westmoreland – nothing in April - year-to-date $64,607.39 –budget amount $167,423 – year-to-date total taxes $1,147,705.21 – city real estate tax distribution as of April 30, 2023 - general $753,511.16 - debt service $204,488.87 - library $22,529.93 - park $102,567.86 – total $1,083,097.82 – miscellaneous amount - real estate transfer tax - April $6,767.78 – year-to-date $27,162.65 –budget amount $89,333 – earned income tax – April $29,876.84 – year-to-date $209,076.81 –budget amount $513,898 – mercantile tax – April $995.74 – year-to-date $1,889.54 –budget amount $22,579 – local service tax – April $3,891.63 – year-to-date $22,894.71 –budget amount $53,357 – tax certifications – April $1,990 – year-to-date $8,250 –budget amount $21,940 – municipal lien letters – April $1,200 – year-to-date $6,075 –budget amount $14,775 – line usage account – unsewered payments – April $673 – year-to-date $10,144 – line usage fee – April $87,368.72 – year-to-date $313,896.32 – total line usage $324,040.32 – motion to accept garbage fees and taxes from treasurer's report by John Nestor - seconded by Lois Thomas – vote 5 - 0

9. **REPORT OF THE CITY CONTROLLER OF THE CITY OF MONESSEN.** Rosalie Nicksich – general fund CFS Bank checking account – bank reconciliation as of April 30, 2023 – beginning bank balances as of March 31, 2023, $544,824.13 – deposits made $843,053.06 –

expenses incurred $622,355.55 – ending balance as of April 30, 2023, $765,521.64 – outstanding checks $57,824.42 – no outstanding deposits – reconcile balance to bank statement $707,697.22

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Ron Mozer, Director of Public Affairs – Ron Mozer – it has been a busy few weeks – we now have all the files from across the way to this building – I would like to thank the streets department for assisting in getting that done – quite an accomplishment – we just have some organization over here – really that brought forth the need for us to seriously see what documents that need to be kept for how long – determine what is the administrative valve to documents – something we will have to determine – my opinion is we need to find an intern through some source and help us go through and digitize some of these documents – that way we can retain them but clean up some filing space

demos – the county is pulling down 7 more properties on the agenda tonight (Anonymous - I can't here) come up here and sit (Anonymous -I still can't here up there) the county has 12 more properties under contract – they have 45 days (Anonymous - I have junk all over) the county has to follow rules – I will explain that at the end (Anonymous - they are not cleaning up) you can talk at the end – you are interrupting the meeting (Anonymous - I am not trying to interrupt) you are – we have six commercial properties – 523 Donner – 112 5th Avenue – 361, 465 and 461 Schoonmaker and the building on Schoonmaker next to the old motel that was previously removed - they are all schedule to come down – this is all done using County money – done at the discretion of the County commissioners – real honest if you have a problem with it – I think we owe the County Commissioners a thank you to remove this blight – call them and thank them

we negotiated a trial with Patch Management we will discuss that later – basically they are coming into town to do a project, if we approve it, to do one truck – show us how it works – great - we don't like it, we don't have to pay – we can see how it works and what the product looks like – I am really advocating we do this on Nash – where Nash meets 3rd Street – steep hill – bad corner – worst road in town – be honey if they can fix that, they can fix anything in town – combination of asphalt and concrete – real challenge

Mike and I are working with a group of what we think are development experts – planning to debut something in July or August trying to get people together – some of the people such as Dave Fien – not the Dave Fien from here but from Maryland – he is noted in Allegheny County, East Liberty and Downtown Des Moines – expert in downtown revitalization – more than 40 years' experience – founded and directed technical service and communications – numerous books and articles taught at universities – often quoted by news media – Molly Alexander – executive director of downtown Austin Foundation – years of experience downtown Austin building and industry development – owed and operated own retail store – director of 501C that raised money for downtown revitalization – strong candidate – downtown and retail experience – Melissa Canonise – Deputy Mayor of Lebanon, Pa – community development committee – I worked with her for years to create downtown business for Lebanon – familiar with small city PA – strong in finance and community development – Christy Stokes – president of Greater Downtown Duluth Minnesota – Duluth resembles Monessen – waterfront city sits on a hill and historical industrial city – brick streets – supplied Pittsburgh with iron ore for steel production – remarkable job in downtown and has a strong media background – Beth Weirch – CEO downtown Milwaukee Building and Industrial Director – 25 years – biggest and most successful river front and

industrial city downtown associated – hosted several times – 5 people they picked – that's manageable – Mike and I will also sit on this board – they are experts in this field – sometime in July – available for questions – everybody understood we are moving forward with that

Westmoreland County Housing Consortium – current members are Arnold, Jeanette, New Kensington, Scottdale and Monessen – requires no commitment – only to be a member – we have opted out and we manage our own CDBG funds – this gives us access to HOME program – allows for development of property – through HOME you have to pay 25% but the Consortium has enough built into it that we can do this without matching funds – win, win opportunity for us

Sewer project will be on the agenda tonight to move forward on Phase 3A and Phase 3B – Phase 3A is cure in place 10,170 lineal feet of pipe diameters from 8" to 24" – 3 new manholes – 458 vertical feet in hole lining – video – cleaning – laboratory testing – service utility – spot repairs as necessary, bypass plumbing and traffic control - $1.6 million bid - $400,000 to $500,000 more than engineer estimated to be – Phase 3B concrete 5,795 lineal feet pipe – diameters from 36" to 84" – 8 new manholes - video – cleaning – laboratory testing – service utility – spot repairs as necessary, bypass plumbing and traffic control - $3.2 million bid – engineering estimated $5 million – way under – take it as you may

Johnson Masonry Restoration from Stockdale down 88 is interested in our parking garage – he thinks he can rehabilitate the bottom of the parking garage and use it for his business he wants to bring into town – all this requires planning, zoning boards and so forth – maybe we can even look at making a deal to cut the top part and rehabilitating that too – maybe we can do something with him, may be not – I am not advocating we do anything tonight but wanted people to be aware –

WEC estimate $1.1 million to fix garage and $100,000 bid to demolish – this may be an opportunity to keep the garage and put a business, stipulations in it – more information in a future meeting

Last but not least – I want to make sure everyone knows - next Thursday May 18th at 6:30 pm there will be a Town Hall meeting not a council meeting – the Town Hall meeting will have the CMU students here to present their final report – The CMU students were who Westmoreland Landbank got to consult and come up with a use for land development for the land demolishing – at that meeting will be Tom Hardy from Palto Alto with the Blight Program – Janet Parker with the Department of Planning and Development – she also coordinator for the Westmoreland County Housing Consortium – you can ask her questions

Special Presentation and update on the Blight Plan in the City of Monessen by Tom Hardy of Palo Alto Consulting, Inc. Mr. Hardy will present and distribute the final version of the Plan, answer any questions by Council and request adoption of the Plan by the City Council. Tom Hardy – background – consultant that works with municipalities – I am here through a Grant the city applied for – I have been working about 9 months on the Blight Plan – I did a presentation in February on the draft of the plan – Blight Plan takes all the information on Blight that currently exists – the existing conditions, what you are currently doing and puts it into one document – work has been done here for years – comprehensive plan, ordinances, tax forgiveness program and vacant property registration – important for current renters to become home owners – other vacant homes that can be rehabilitated – they pay more for rent than a mortgage – what comes next on vacant lots – CMU students are looking at that – neighbors purchase adjourning vacant lot – primary is starting with the code enforcement - on-line code enforcement program where they can

communicate directly to the county – why is this blight plan important – issues affect a lot of communities across the state – they will be funding coming available and the first thing they will ask in an application process is if you have a plan and has the council adopted it (Ernie Telegraphis – about these lots) the next step is the side yard program (Ron Mozer – Tom establishes the plan – you will have to work with the County Landbank - you can come talk to me if you want to purchase a side lot – they are calling this the Side Lot Program – if the property is directly attached to your property you can purchase it for $500 – if not directly attached you will have to talk to the Landbank) (Pino Cianflone - #######) city received a Grant to pay for my work – the next move – the next step – plan outlines general goals and a roadmap on how to get there (Linda Lacey – I live near 14th Street where the house we torn down – why wasn't it part of the tax forgiveness) (Ron Mozer – I had a few called from residents in the area – even though the outside might had looked ok – the inside was stripped and gutted – no one wanted that property) (Linda Lacey – that sounds like all the houses in Monessen - how do you know no one wanted it) (Ron Mozer – it went through the judicial sale – everything was public – anyone could have bought it – let's keep the questions to the Blight Plan) (anonymous – I own property in Monessen – I'll just go buy all the properties for $500) (Ron Mozer – you must buy them from the Landbank at $500/lot – the County Redevelopment and County Landbank are the same – lets keep on moving – order again – silence – lets get along with the meeting)

a. Mayor Mozer's Update of Issues for the weeks of April 27th, 2023, to May 11th, 2023.

b. Motion to adopt the Blight Plan for the City of Monessen developed by Tom Hardy of Palo Alto Consulting, Inc. Motion by Lois Thomas – seconded by John Nestor – vote 5 - 0

c. Motion to accept the sealed bid, and only bid received, opened on May 11th at 5 pm in the City of Monessen at City Hall, submitted by Westcom Two Way Radio Sales and Services of Lower Burrell, Pennsylvania in response to a Bid Offering for the City of Monessen for Fire Station Portable Radios for Monessen Volunteer Firefighters required under funding guidelines of the Community Development Block Grant Program in the amount of $49,996.35. The Bid Proposal Specifics are attached to this Agenda as "Exhibit 1". Motion by Lois Thomas – seconded by Donald Gregor – vote 5 - 0

d. Motion to approve a Resolution of Council of the City of Monessen, Westmoreland County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania declaring its intent to follow the schedules and procedures for retention and disposition of records as set forth in the Municipal Records Manual approved on December 16, 2008, as amended July 23, 2019. Attached as Exhibit "2" to this Agenda. Motion by Lois Thomas – seconded by John Nestor – vote 5 - 0

e. Motion to accept the details of a pilot project in the City of Monessen offered by Patch Management, Inc. The Motion will be to accept the quotation, #29746 of Patch Management, Inc. in the amount of $6,000.00 to apply 6 tons of their road patch material beginning at the bottom of Nash Street and continuing up the hill on Nash Street until the material is fully expended. If after 3 hours of pothole filling occurs, and the City of Monessen is not fully satisfied with the product, operations will be halted and there will be no charge for the repairs made. Attached as Exhibit "3". Motion by Lois Thomas – seconded by John Nestor – vote 5 - 0

f. Discussion and potential Motion to authorize the submission and advertising of the Bid Requests and related information for consideration by potential buyers for the purchase of the Annex Building of the City of Monessen located at 557 Donner Avenue in the City of Monessen. Motion by Lois Thomas – seconded by John Nestor – (John Nestor – after reading the report, there is no mold – saddens me we spent money changing buildings) (Ron Mozer – that is the old reason we moved – we spent $70,000 to move – (Pino – thought we were going back over there when we had more people at meetings) (Donald Gregor – there is only 14 here tonight and I believe 10 last meeting – my understanding if an over capacity it would be at the Civic Center – no requirements yet) (Ron Mozer - cleared off the cubicles and made more seating – acoustics at the Civic Center is poor – don't want to do that) vote 5 - 0

g. Motion to award the contract for Sewage Project Phase 3A, (MON-2022-03) to Insight Piping Contracting, LLC. as the apparent low bidder for Phase 3A in the amount of $1,693,493.75 based upon the following:

*** Based upon the analysis of WEC Engineers, there appears to be sufficient funds to complete all project costs;**

*** WEC Engineers believes that based upon an analysis of the general qualifications and experience record that the lowest bidder has the ability to successfully perform under the terms and conditions of the proposed contract;**

*** The low bidder provided verification that they have not been suspended or disbarred to receive the contract;**

*** The low bidder's bid package contains evidence of the Bidder's authority and qualifications to do business.**

*** Pending concurrence with USDA review processes.** Motion by Lois Thomas – seconded by Donald Gregor – vote 5 - 0

h. Motion to adopt a resolution of the City of Monessen, County of Westmoreland, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, approving of and authorizing the first amendment to the Equalization Tank Project Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement by and between the Mon Valley Sewage Authority and the City of Monessen. Attached as Exhibit "4". Motion by Lois Thomas – seconded by Donald Gregor – vote 5 - 0

i. Motion to approve the following property sales from the county repository to the county land bank for purposes of demolishing the structures on the following properties:

20-02-07-0-163 457 Clarendon Ave.
20-02-06-0-571 646 Locust Street
20-02-06-0-346 623 Marguerite St.
20-02-06-0-392 914 Marguerite St.
20-02-06-0-391 916 Marguerite St.
20-02-07-0-116 411 Motheral Ave.
20-02-07-0-117 413 Motheral Ave. Motion by Lois Thomas – seconded by John Nestor – vote 5 - 0

j. Discussion on the dispatch of Monessen Police officers to aid the Monessen School district for the remainder of the school year due to a shortage of school officers. The school district will cover the payment for this service. Ron Mozer – I have requested the city police help the school district for the remainder 16 days of the school year due to their officer

resignation – they will pay their wages while they are working there (Anonymous – what school) it will between all the schools – (John Nestor – what if our officer gets hurt while on duty at the school) our insurance will cover if officer is hurt (John Nestor – what if there is an issue with liability) if they have any issues with anyone that is also covered under our insurance – they have been trying to hire a new school safety officer – this summer, we will work with them – maybe we can work something out with them – some of our officers could work there and also for the city – I have assigned an officer there for 6 hours a day (Donald Gregor – are they being dispatched there) no not being dispatched by 911 but by the mayor

k. Motion to satisfy certain liens established by the City of Monessen before the year 2003 that are based upon CDBG funds that had a 5 year term that has since expired. Motion by Lois Thomas – seconded by Donald Gregor – vote 5 - 0

l. Motion to award the contract for Sewage Project Phase 3B, (MON-2022-04) to Municipal and Contractors Sealing products, Inc as the apparent low bidder for Phase 3B in the amount of $3,688,889.00 based upon the following:

*** Based upon the analysis of WEC Engineers, there appears to be sufficient funds to complete all project costs;**

*** WEC Engineers believes that based upon an analysis of the general qualifications and experience record that the lowest bidder has the ability to successfully perform under the terms and conditions of the proposed contract;**

*** The low bidder provided verification that they have not been suspended or disbarred to receive the contract;**

*** The low bidder's bid package contains evidence of the Bidder's authority and qualifications to do business.**

*** Pending concurrence with USDA review processes.** Motion by Lois Thomas – seconded by John Nestor – vote 5 - 0 (Ron Mozer – since the bid came in lower – we can do more sewer lines – we have more lines to do than we have money)

Councilman Anthony Orzechowski, Director of Accounts and Finance

a. Motion to pay the following invoices from the General Fund in the amount of $34,403.02. All invoices are attached to this Agenda as Attachment "A". Motion by Anthony Orzechowski – seconded by John Nestor – vote 5 - 0

b. Motion to pay the following invoices from the Parks Fund in the amount of $2,982.27. All invoices are attached to this Agenda as "Attachment "B". Motion by Anthony Orzechowski – seconded by John Nestor – vote 5 - 0

c. Motion to pay the following invoices from the Liquid Fuels account in the amount of $12,212.04. All invoices are attached to this agenda as Attachment "C". Motion by Anthony Orzechowski – seconded by John Nestor – vote 5 – 0

d. Motion to pay the following invoices from the Line Usage Fund in the amount of $17,667.40. All invoices are attached to this agenda as Attachment "D". Motion by Anthony Orzechowski – seconded by John Nestor – vote 5 – 0

e. Motion to pay the following invoices from the Recreation Board Fund in the amount of $593.02. All invoices are attached to this agenda as Attachment "E". Motion by Anthony Orzechowski – seconded by John Nestor – vote 5 – 0

f. Motion to pay the following invoices from the Grant Fund in the amount of $8,272.00. All invoices are attached to this agenda as Attachment "F". Motion by Anthony Orzechowski – seconded by John Nestor – vote 5 – 0

g. Motion to pay the following invoices from the Refuse Account in the amount of $97,034.48. All invoices are attached to this agenda as Attachment "G". Motion by Anthony Orzechowski – seconded by John Nestor – vote 5 – 0 – just so you know that is two months

h. Motion to approve the transfer of $69, 448.41 from the General Fund to the Payroll Account to cover the payroll expenses. Motion by Anthony Orzechowski – seconded by John Nestor – vote 5- 0

i. Motion to approve a transfer from the General Account to the Healthcare account in the amount of $3,500.00. Motion by Anthony Orzechowski – seconded by John Nestor – vote 5 - 0

j. Motion to transfer $8,475.62 from the General Fund to pay the City of Monessen Retired Employee Health care benefits for the month of April 2023. Motion by Anthony Orzechowski – seconded by John Nestor – vote 5 – 0

Account balances – American Rescue - $261,352.70 – fire escrow $20,640.92 – line usage $623,875.34 – recreation $1,513.00 – park $85,445.22 – payroll $7,932.13 – healthcare $5,948.93 – general at community bank – left to pay anything that has not been transferred over yet $17,072.70 – this will be transfers soon to the CFS Bank account – refuse $285,058.48 – liquid fuels $242,720.06 – grant $42,233.66 – debt service $817,641.10 –

general $944,428.69 – Ernie for you – some council knows that the TAN balance is around $61,000 and will be paid off next week (Ron Mozer – it is very common for municipalities to pay off the TAN in December and then go back for another TAN in January – sounds more like revolving debt - this is how the city operated for many years – we treated it as is should – as soon as the money started to come in, we started to pay it back – hats off to the council) (Ernie Telegraphis – how much money total does the city have – Tony you should know) (Anthony Orzechowski - $3.78 million) (Ernie Telegraphis – there will be no money coming in from July to December) (Ron Mozer – wrong – we never said that - we will still be receiving taxes in little increments – about $100,000 per month) (Ernie Telegrahis – so that is going to coast us through those months – do we have enough money) (Anthony Orzechowski – you asked me that same questions last year – I left a balance of positive $170,000) (Ernie Telegraphis – but we had three vacant employees) (Anthony Orzechowski – that does not add up the $170,000 - we are going to be as diligent as we have been all year – it will be tight in November and December – we will do what we have to do – we have only collected about what Gerald Saksun) (Gerald Saksun – we are about 80% - we usually end up about 95%) (Anthony Orzechowski – the 12 to 15% more will make a difference in paying bills) (Ernie Telegraphis – you are confident that it will make it all the way through December) (Anthony Orzechowski – yes I am – we will make it) (Ernie Telegraphis – expenses keep coming up) (Anthony Orzechowski – we keep watching – not everything gets approved)

Councilman Lois Thomas Director of Streets and Public Improvements

Streets and Public Improvement Report for month ending April 30, 2023. Lois Thomas – defer report for streets and library – just want to say an extra thank you for all those that participated with the cleanup – 29 people – adults – student – children – some children were doing community service – someone brought dump truck – they pick up all the bags so the streets crew did not have to do that on Monday – students worked very hard – only took one break for more bags and water – why not adopt your block – once or twice a month cleanup you block – I do that in my block – if everyone did that we could get more done – people said it was not as bad this year as it has been in the past - thank you again (Ron Mozer – State road as it joins 906 – actually in Rostraver – quite a trash dump – carpet blows around – point being this Mother's Day weekend so not this weekend – but next weekend if anyone who wants to help me clean up – it is an eye sore even though it is not on property, it's coming into Monessen)

Councilman John Nestor, Director of Public Safety

Police and Public Safety Report for month ending April 30, 2023. John Nestor – defers report to next meeting

Councilman Donald S. Gregor, Director of Parks, and Public Property

Parks and Public Property Report for the month ending April 30, 2023. Donald Gregor - defer report to next meeting – I do have a motion I would like to make for parks

Motion to approve the Monessen Park Restoration Group request to permit maintenance in the Monessen City Park to repair stone walls, power sawing tree trunks to ground level and dead tree removal. All materials relative to this Motion are

attached to this Agenda as Exhibit "5". Motion by Donald Gregor – seconded by John Nestor – vote 5 – 0

Donald Gregor – up along the amphitheater – we need someone to put French drain to prevent water and mud from being washed down onto the amphitheater – also the wall that was hit – it is going to come down on someone – it is on the left side of amphitheater – it's a danger (John Nestor – have we ever caught the person who damaged the park) (David Yuhasz – no) it is a danger – at little kid can be killed

11. OPEN FLOOR FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM.

Delmar Hepple – thank you for the cooperation on getting the radios for the fire department – also a thank you to the Park Restoration Group – the parking garage I am not a big fan of the way it looks – if the city is going to move ahead – the world is going electric – why can't we look into getting a grant to put in a few charging stations (Ron Mozer – the state is offering grants – you must be within one mile of the interstate – we are just past that) I still think it is work looking into (Ron Mozer – I agree)

Joseph Cieply – want to thank the mayor and council for recognizing his late dad – I'm sorry I could not be at that meeting – I did not know when it was - thanks from the Cieply family – 3rd Street, the speeding is bad – also the drain out by By George is terrible - I ruined my car – there is a big dip (Ron Mozer – I have been meaning to call WEC to see what we can do about that) (Anonymous - the stop sign on 3rd Street was removed – we need to put that back up to eliminate speeding) (Ron Mozer – once the sewer line repair project is complete and we have CDBG money to repair the road – this will encourage speeding – we are going to have to rethink that) (Anonymous – put in speed bumps on 2nd Street) (Ron Mozer – in Mexico – I rode my motor cycle

and there were three speed bumps on the roads – one to slow you down – one so you slowed down so much that people could sell you something – one to let you know you would be leaving the town) (Anthony Orzechowski – I believe even a city street – you must have approval from Penn Dot to put a speed bump on) (Anonymous – get an unmarked police car – they slow down for a marked car – give tickets)

Madeline Dudas – I am against the loading zone for the property between the library and Lucchesi's – what should have been done is he should have looked into everything that was needed before it was done – there is a trailer in the area that is the library land (Ron Mozer – the library ends at the building – there is no space) (Anthony Orzechowski – the city owns the library – the land from the library to Lucchesi's was owned by the Redevelopment Authority) it was never put in the newspaper that it was up for sale – this is very unfortunate – council should have thoroughly investigated this before the sale went through – the children had used the lot for years – I could have gotten people together to buy the land and donate it to the library if I knew – I don't know if we are we trying to become a village, an industrial center – what is going on – no vision – you are getting rid of the blight – what are we using these properties for – I would like to not see it happen

Pino Cianflone – what have you come up with on the parking garage (Lois Thomas – what are you talking about) you guys in general – what have you come up with (Lois Thomas – from WEC we have the specifics as to the repair and to tear it down) how much to repair it (Ron Mozer - $1.1 million) how much is someone willing to buy it for (Ron Mozer – we don't know) are they going to put $1.1 million to fix it (Ron Mozer – they are not trying to put a parking garage in – the outfit wants to put in their business) (Lois Thomas – can we put it out for bid to do that) (Ron Mozer – we can do whatever – the county has refused to pay for the demolition – write that off – we don't have any money set aside for

demo – we don't have money to rehab it – they can set up a business, they sell equipment, they rent equipment) Monday I went to the city where they do the blacktop patching – I watched the equipment – it did a great job – it took 7 people, the machine, roller, sweeper, truck and laborers – it moved like a snail – can only be used on blacktop - $175,000 to buy the machine – grinder mills off the old – add asphalt – machine is great – Russell Industries sells a liquid binder – Pino showed Tony pictures on his phone (Anthony Orzechowski – not the same thing – that is not the equipment we are going to use – the unit is self-contained) I went to Pittsburgh – were the union opposed that work – I got more information - I contacted Penn Dot – who do you talk to at Penn Dot (Michael Korposh – I will answer you when you apologize) I won't apologize if you were that last man on earth – we pay you $50,000/year and you lie (Michael Korposh – I don't lie - I'll get the information – I'll give it to you) you need to give it to the people – you don't even live in Monessen (Michael Korposh – I will give it to you and the people – I gave you information before – I though we were working well together) xxxxxxxx (Ron Mozer – slow down)

Linda Lacey – the traffic light on 5th and Donner what is going on with it (Michael Korposh – they want to have a meeting to discuss all of our concerns and it has not been scheduled yet) do we have a security officer at the school – when did he resign (Ron Mozer – Kosar resigned a few weeks ago – there has been security there) (Joseph Dalfonso – I don't think security at the school should be discussed at a council meeting – you need to ask the school board) I intend to ask the school - I pay school taxes – don't you think you should know what the security is at the school

12. ADJOURNMENT Motion to adjourn meeting by John Nestor at 8:05 pm – seconded by Donald Gregor – vote 5 - 0